— Pilgrim Centres
— Railway Stations
— Charitable Institutions.
— Hospitals
— Educational Institutions, Public Libraries etc.

4. A minimum guaranteed revenue per PCO per month to the Department in the case of Non-rural (Urban) STD PCOs is fixed as Rs. 1600/-.

5. The amount of security deposit will be Rs. 5000/- or an amount equal to the average monthly revenue whichsver is higher. The average monthly revenue will be calculated on the basis of previous six months revenue.

6. Fortnightly billing cycle will be followed for recovery of STD PCO charges. If the charges are heavy, weekly billing may be resorted to by local telecom authority.

Stay Odder Passed by the Andhra Pradesh High Court for Allotment of STD/ISD Booths

2553. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Andhra Pradesh has stayed the release of Public Telephone STD/ISD booths in the State;

(b) if so, when this order was passed by the High Court;

(c) whether this order was passed ex-parte;

(d) what steps Goverment propose to take to get the stay vacated; and

(e) what are the reasons for the apathy of the standing council in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The High Court of Andhra Pradesh has directed the department not to sanction/allot any fresh public telephone in Guntur Krishna, Ananathpur districts and Eluru town only.

(b) The orders were passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh on 23-3.91, 20.11.92, 1.12.92 and 7.4.93 in different writ petitions.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Central Government Standing Counsel ad Addl. Standing Counsel have been suitably briefed for filing petition for vacating the stay orders expeditiously.

(e) There is no apathy on the part of the standing counsel and petitions for vacating the stay orders are being filed.

Collapse of Telephone System in Calcutta

2554. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of subscribers telephones under the charge of General Manager (South) Calcutta Telephones have been remaining out order for the last several months;

(b) whether the Calcutta Telephones are unable to provide regular service even to Government offices including Chief Post Master General Office, Rashbehari Avenue Public Call Office/DTO resulting into total collapse of the system;

(c) whether any investigation has been ordered on this account;

(d) if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(e) what further steps are being taken urgently to improve telephone services?